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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6505

BILL NUMBER: SB 223

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 31, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Jan 30, 2012

SUBJECT: State Department of Health Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. T. Brown

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Children and Hoosiers Immunization and Registry Program (CHIRP) Provisions:* This bill allows the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to adopt rules concerning who may input and retrieve data from the immunization data registry (registry). The bill allows an individual to file a registry exemption with the ISDH. The bill allows the State Health Commissioner to approve persons to whom information from the registry may be released. The bill removes language that requires the ISDH to convene a panel concerning expanding access to the registry.

Indiana Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Program: The bill removes a requirement that a health care professional work at least one year in a shortage area or at other specified health centers in order to be eligible for the loan repayment program. The bill requires that the health care professional agree to practice in the shortage area for at least one year. It also allows the Indiana Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Fund to be used to encourage delivery of health care in shortage areas on a full-time or less than full-time basis.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Children and Hoosiers Immunization and Registry Program Provisions:* The ISDH would be required to adopt rules, an activity which can be accomplished within the current level of resources available to the agency.

Indiana Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Program: The bill removes provisions that require that a health care professional must work full-time in a health care shortage area to be eligible for loan

repayments of student loans from the Indiana Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Fund. The ISDH indicated that this statutory provision limited the program's ability to recruit professionals for part-time service in medically underserved areas. The bill further removes statutory language that requires a health care professional work in a shortage area to be eligible for loan repayments of student loans and instead allows a provider to enter into an agreement with the ISDH to practice in a shortage area for at least a year to be eligible for student loan repayments.

Additional Information: The Recruitment and Retention Fund has a balance of \$261,497 as of December 26, 2011. The balance appears to be the remainder of funds appropriated to the fund from the General Fund in FY 2007 and earlier. FY 2007 was the last year there was a state appropriation to the fund. There has been no appropriation from or to this fund in the last three budget bills. The ISDH has been using Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Funds (TMSA) transferred from the line item appropriation for Community Health Centers to provide the 50% matching funds for federal grants to states for loan repayments. The current budget provides for an annual transfer of \$24,040 of TMSA funds for loan repayments.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: ISDH.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: ISDH; Auditor's database.

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